

# **ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

14 December 2017

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor: Stephen Thomas (In the Chair)

Councillors: Paul Beck, Lesley Hamilton and Mike McLaughlin

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 5.2 (ii), Councillor Katie Trueman was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Carl Richardson

Also present: Frank Harrison, Judy Gray, Sue Little, Gordon and Stella Johnston  
Ann Baxter, Chair of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board  
Donna Owens, Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group

Officers: Jill Harrison, Director of Adult and Community Based Services  
Jeanette Willis, Head of Strategic Commissioning – Adult Services  
David Ward, Head of Finance, Child and Adult Services  
Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services Officer

## **48. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brenda Loynes and Carl Richardson and Evelyn Leck.

## **49. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Stephen Thomas reiterated a personal interest as an employee of Healthwatch and a personal interest in minute 52 as a local authority representative on Teesswide Safeguarding Adults Board.

## **50. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2017**

Received.

## 51. Matters arising from the Minutes

### (1) Minute 44 – Independent Living Fund Update

The Director of Adult and Community Based Services confirmed that the Assistant Director, Finance and Customer Services had provided the clarification requested by Councillor Paul Beck in relation to the financial support available to veterans. It was noted that this clarification would be forwarded to all Members of the Committee. The Chair suggested that any further queries should be directed to the Assistant Director, Finance and Customer Services and fed into the Finance and Policy Committee.

#### Decision

- (1) That the clarification provided in relation to the financial support available for veterans be circulated to all Members of the Committee.
- (2) That any further queries be forwarded to the Assistant Director, Finance and Customer Services and fed in the Finance and Policy Committee.

### (2) Minute 43 – Transforming Care – North East and Cumbria

A representative from Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) had been invited to provide clarification on a number of issues raised. The representative provided a detailed and comprehensive presentation which recapped the Transforming Care Agenda, outlined progress to date and identified the priorities for the future. The Chair requested that copies of the presentation be forwarded to all Members of the Committee.

In response to a number of questions, the representative from the CCG indicated that one of the aims of the Transforming Care Agenda was to ensure providers were working together to provide care across all localities through the further development of the workforce. A Member requested a list of all the providers involved in the provision of care through the Transforming Care Programme. The representative from the CCG responded to a number of questions from Members of the Committee and members of the public.

The Chair concluded that a number of good points had been raised during the discussions and reiterated the commitment of the Council to the general principles of the Transforming Care agenda. The Council recognises the importance of Hartlepool residents having the opportunity to return to the area, with appropriate support, however did have some concerns around the resources available to sustain the Transforming Care Programme and the timescales. The representative from the CCG was thanked for her attendance and for answering questions and it was requested that regular updates be provided to the Committee as the Transforming Care Programme was developed.

**Decision**

- (1) That representative(s) from the CCG are invited to future meetings of the Adult Services Committee to provide updates on the development of the Transforming Care Programme, particularly in relation to provision for people in Hartlepool.
- (2) That a list of all providers involved in the provision of care through the Transforming Care Model be forwarded to Members of the Committee.

**52. Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016/17 and Strategic Business Plan 2017/18**  
*(Director of Adult and Community Based Services and Independent Chair of Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board)*

**Type of decision**

Non key.

**Purpose of report**

To present the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016/17 and Strategic Business Plan 2017/18.

**Issue(s) for consideration**

The Independent Chair of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) presented the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016/17 and Strategic Business Plan 2017/18.

A report had been submitted to the Committee which highlighted that the TSAB had been established in order to meet the requirements of the Care Act 2014, which created a legal framework for adult safeguarding, requiring all Local Authorities to set up Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) for their areas. The four Tees Local Authorities had worked together for a number of years along with strategic partners to promote cooperation and consistency in relation to safeguarding adults work, and this collaborative working had continued, with the statutory responsibility now resting with the TSAB. It was a requirement of the Care Act 2014 that a SAB publishes an annual report. The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2016/17 was appended to the report.

It was noted that it was also required under the Care Act 2014 that SABs publish an annual strategic plan setting out its strategy for achieving its objective and what members would do to implement the strategy. The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Business Plan for 2017/18 was appended to the report.

The Independent Chair highlighted the salient issues included in the report and responded to questions from the Committee in relation to a Safeguarding Adult Review, care homes within Hartlepool, training to providers and other agencies and the increase in referrals. It was highlighted that the Board consisted of members from multi-agencies who

all worked together to ensure a joined up approach was in place.

**Decision**

The report was noted, the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017/17 was endorsed and the Chair of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults' Board was thanked for attending and for answering questions.

**53. Access to Short Breaks for Working Age Adults with Physical Disabilities** (*Director of Adult and Community Based Services*)

**Type of decision**

For information.

**Purpose of report**

To provide the Committee with an update on access to short breaks for working age adults with physical disabilities.

**Issue(s) for consideration**

It was noted that there were currently approximately 180 individuals aged 18-65 with a physical disability and an assessed need receiving services in Hartlepool. Further detailed analysis of the services accessed by these individuals was included within the report. The Head of Strategic Commissioning highlighted that the potential of a short break flat to be provided within a new development in Seaton Carew was currently being explored. In addition to this, work would be undertaken to review current service provision at the Council's Centre for Independent Living with the aim of maximising the benefits of this state of the art new facility.

A discussion ensued during which the Head of Strategic Commissioning provided responses to a number of questions. In response to a question from a member of the public, the Chair indicated that the Committee would be looking at support for carers at a future meeting. A Member sought clarification on whether there were any discussion forums where people with disabilities could meet up. The Chair confirmed that this would be explored as part of the discussions which were ongoing around refreshing the overall engagement strategy within Adult Services.

**Decision**

The report was noted.

**54. Support for People Living with Dementia** (*Director of Adult and Community Based Services*)

**Type of decision**

For information.

**Purpose of report**

The report provided a further update regarding support for people living with dementia in Hartlepool following a report in November 2015.

**Issue(s) for consideration**

The Head of Strategic Commissioning presented a very detailed and comprehensive report which provided a summary of national developments along with the Hartlepool position in supporting people living with dementia and their carers. It was noted that there had been significant improvements in raising awareness of dementia within the community and local businesses. This had included a joint event which was held involving Hartlepool Borough Council, Healthwatch Hartlepool and the Dementia Collaborative to highlight the issues surrounding dementia and also celebrate how, as a community, people and organisations had come together to improve the lives of those living with dementia.

It was highlighted that following the successful accreditation as a Dementia Friendly Community (DFC) in September 2015, Hartlepool as a DFC had gone from strength to strength helped by the focal point at The Bridge within the town centre. Further details of the pledges by local organisations to be Dementia Friendly were included in the report.

The Head of Strategic Commissioning informed the Committee that in recognition of all the work carried out by the DFH in the community, Hartlepool was shortlisted to the last three in the Dementia Friendly Community of the Year Award hosted by the Alzheimer's Society in recognition of the commitment to the agenda in Hartlepool and the work undertaken to date.

There were a number of further developments being undertaken including family leadership; dementia research; and care homes and further details were included within the report. It was noted that there was training available to become a dementia friend and then go onto become a dementia champion and the next training session would be held in Durham in January 2018.

The Chair noted on behalf of the Committee the tremendous achievement to be shortlisted to the last three for the Dementia Friendly Community of the Year Award. This reflected the amount of hard work and dedication from the Local Authority, local businesses and carers to raise awareness of dementia across the town and thanks were passed onto everyone involved.

It was noted that the Ceremonial Mayor had invited the High Sheriff of County Durham to visit Hartlepool as she had asked to see the good work being undertaken in Hartlepool and would be visiting a number of venues.

**Decision**

(1) The report and the developments in relation to support for people with dementia and their carers with further reports to be received by the Committee as appropriate..

(2) That the thanks of the Committee be passed on to everyone involved in the submission to the Dementia Friendly Community of the Year Award.

**55. Commitment to Unison Ethical Care Charter** (*Director of Adult and Community Based Services*)

**Type of decision**

For information.

**Purpose of report**

To provide an update on progress regarding the Council's commitment to the Unison Ethical Care Charter.

**Issue(s) for consideration**

The Director of Adult and Community Based Services confirmed that on Friday 25 November 2017 the Hartlepool Borough Council had signed the Unison Ethical Charter and a copy of this document was attached at Appendix 2.

The Chair commented that it was a significant achievement as Hartlepool was only the 2<sup>nd</sup> local authority in the region to sign up, and 35<sup>th</sup> on a national basis which demonstrated a tremendous commitment to provide high quality domiciliary care and commitment to those providing care. A Member commended the Chair on his hard work and commitment in progressing this commitment with the Chair adding that former Councillor Sylvia Tempest had been instrumental in driving forward this issue since 2012.

**Decision**

It was noted that the Council had formally signed up to the Unison Ethical Care Charter.

**56. Strategic Financial Management Report – as at 30 September 2017** (*Director of Adult and Community Based Services and Director of Finance and Policy*)

**Type of decision**

For information.

**Purpose of report**

To inform Members of the 2017/18 Forecast General Fund Outturn, 2017/18 Capital Programme Monitoring and provide details for the specific budget areas that this Committee was responsible for.

**Issue(s) for consideration**

The report provided the background and financial reporting arrangements for 2017/18 as well as a summary of the overall Council financial position and General Fund outturn information in relation to the areas this Committee has responsibility for.

Details of the overall budget position for the Adult and Community Based Services Department was summarised in a table included in the report together with the reasons for the forecast outturn. Further details of specific budget areas were outlined at Appendix A. The report included details of recommended reserves together with planned capital expenditure.

The Director of Adult and Community Based Services responded to a number of questions raised during the discussion that followed. Significant concerns were expressed by Members at the medium to longer term funding of adult social care from 2019/20 onwards, especially as a significant element of work within adult social care was underpinned by the Better Care Fund.

**Decision**

The report was noted.

**57. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent**

The Chairman ruled that the following items of business should be considered by the Committee as a matter of urgency in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(B) (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 in order that the matter could be dealt with without delay.

**58. Any Other Business – Respite Services for People with Learning Disabilities/Complex Needs - Consultation**

The Director of Adult and Community Based Services informed the Committee that the Committee's initial response to the consultation was based on information provided by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) at the meeting of the Committee in October. However, Officers had subsequently been made aware of the views of families and carers had not had the opportunity to express their views as part of the consultation process. With this in mind, a second response had been prepared and would be forwarded to the North East Commissioning Support Unit expressing concerns that the consultation had not been robust and requesting that further opportunities be made available for people to share their views. In addition to this, the response reiterated the previous concerns expressed by the Committee at the availability of provision and funding for people with learning disabilities and/or complex needs. It was

noted that the Audit and Governance Committee was working alongside the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee and would also be forwarding a response to this consultation. The response from this Committee would be forwarded to all Members of the Committee.

**Decision**

It was noted that a second response to the consultation on Respite Services for People with Learning Disabilities and/or Complex Needs would be forwarded to the North East Commissioning Support Unit and circulated to Members of the Committee.

The meeting concluded at 11.55am.

**P J DEVLIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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